

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 7, 9-13, 17-18 and 27-34 are pending in this application. Claims 4-6, 8, 14-16 and 19-26 are canceled. By this Amendment, claims 29-34 are added. No new matter is added. Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during a January 4, 2006 telephone conference.

New claims 29-34 recite the identical subject matter as previous dependent claims 4-6 and 14-16, respectively. Previous claims 4-6 and 14-16 were dependent at least to allowable independent claim 1. These claims were withdrawn during prosecution in response to a Restriction Requirement dated January 11, 2006.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment to effectively rejoin withdrawn claims 4-6 and 14-16. This is proper under MPEP §821.04 (a), which provides as follows:

When all claims to the non-elected invention(s) depend from or otherwise require all of the limitations of an allowable claims, applicant must be advised that claims drawn to the non-elected invention have been rejoined and the Restriction Requirement has been withdrawn. (emphasis in original)

In this instance, new claims 29-34 depend from allowable claim 1. In accordance with Patent Office procedure, Applicant respectfully submits that these claims should be rejoined and allowed.

In view of the foregoing, entry of this Amendment and allowance of new claims 29-34 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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